tioning under the administrative control of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad, Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions separtely;

(b) whether the staff working on public dealing seats are rotated periodically;

(c) the number of staff members who have been served with charge sheets for major and minor lapses in dealing with contract cases on Allahabad, Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions together with details thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for not returning/transferring such staff to their parent branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Complaint against commercial officers Allahabad Railway Division

1098. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a complaint against the Commercial Officers of Allahabad Division in dealing with goods and parcels handling contracts, cycle stand contracts and sale of miscellaneous articles was received in 1983-84 by the Director (Vigilance), Railway Board from a Member of Parliament;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted by Railway Board and the Central Vigilance Commission was also apprised of the final outcome;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against persons found guilty; and

(d) the names of persons/officers found indulging in corrupt practices together with details of charge sheets of minor/major lapses pending against them and when the investigations are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Disciplinary proceedings are in progress against 2 officers—for major penalty in respect of one and minor penalty for the other. In addition, notices for recorded warning have been issued to 4 other officers. Minor penalty has been imposed on a non-gazetted employee.

Communication Facility in Remote Areas of Andhra Pradesh

1099. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of inadequate communication facility in the remote, interior and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to provide communication facilities to those areas; and

(c) if so, what is the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in those areas and by when these are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) *Postal*: Postal facilities in the remote, interior and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh are not inadequate. There are 767 post offices functioning in the tribal areas of the State out of which 36 are provided with telegraph facilities also.

Telecom: Yes, Sir.

(b) *Postal* & *Telecom*: Yes, Sir.

(c) *Postal*: There is at present no proposal to open new post offices in these areas as no villages other than

those provided with post offices satisfy the prescribed norms.

Telecom: 20 Long Distance Public Telephones are proposed for opening in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh during the 7th Five Year Plan. These will serve as Public Telephones and will also pass telegraph messages. 12 Telephone Exchanges are also proposed to be opened in the identified tribal areas during the 7th Five Year Plan subject to minimum demand for telephone connections being received.

Closure of Frank Anthony School

1100. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported move to close down Frank Anthony School in Delhi, rendering a number of teachers unemployed and students without school;

(b) whether Government propose to take over the school to safeguard the interest of students and teachers; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government has received some letters voicing apprehension that Frank Anthony School may not be closed down. However, the Government or the Delhi Administration has not received, so far, any communication from the Frank Anthony School or its management that they would close down the school.

(c) Does not arise.

Open Schools

1101. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent to which the system of open Schools has been successful and the name of the places in the country where its branches have been opened;

(b) the names of the places in Himachal Pradesh where such Schools have been opened;

(c) whether any branches of this school have also been opened in Shimla and if not, by when such schools are likely to be opened there;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that at the time of admission the open school charges Rs. 50 per subject and total amount of Rs. 320 afterwards and Rs. 25 as examination fee for each subject and certain other charges which come to a heavy amount for poor students; and

(e) whether Government propose to bring down these charges so that poor students may avail of the benefits from this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The open school was established under Central Board of Secondary Education in 1979. The enrolment in open school rose from 1672 in 1981-82 to 11617 in 1986-87 which indicates that open school is gaining popularity. Open school does not have any branch in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Open school charges Rs. 50 per subject, Rs. 10 service charges per subject and Rs. 20 as registration fee; total comes to Rs. 320. A sum of Rs. 25 is charged as